

## Jesus sets Redneck Peter straight about Gentiles

### *Peter finally gets it and gives the gospel to Cornelius – the first European Believer*

**Acts 1:8** You will receive power when ~~the~~ Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

**Acts 9:43** And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.

**Acts 10: 1-2** Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, a devout man and one who ~~feared~~ **had a reverential awe of** God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually.

**Psalm 50:23** To him who ~~orders his way aright~~ **responds to what he knows**, I will show the salvation of God."

**3-4** About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had just come in and said to him, "Cornelius!" And fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

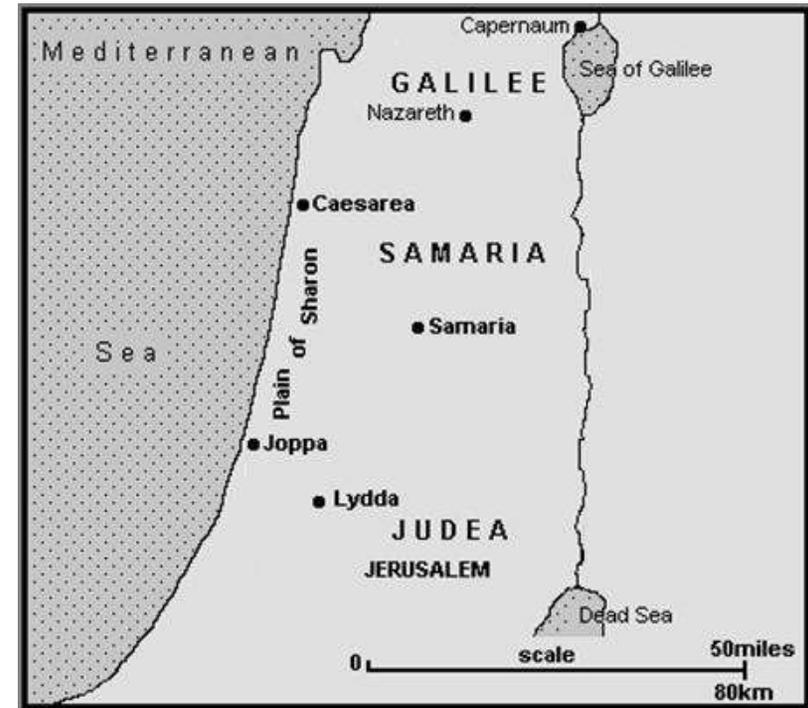
**5-6** Now dispatch some men to Joppa and send for a man named Simon, who is also called Peter; he is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the sea."

**Hebrews 1:14** ... ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation

**7-8** When the angel who was speaking to him had left, he summoned two of his servants and a devout soldier of those who were his personal attendants, and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

**9-10** On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance

**11-12** And he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great ~~sheet~~ **sail** coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air.



13 A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!"

14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean."

15-16 Again a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider ~~unholy~~ **unclean.**" This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.

17-18 Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate; and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there.

19-20 While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself."

21 Peter went down to the men and said, "Behold, I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for which you have come?"

22 They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous ~~and God-fearing man~~ man **who lives in reverential awe of God**, well-spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, was divinely directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and hear a message from you."

23 So he invited them in and gave them lodging. And on the next day he got up and went away with them, and some of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

28-29 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean. That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. So I ask for what reason you have sent for me."

33 So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

38-42 You know {*i.e.*, You have heard} of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the **power of Holy Spirit**, ~~and with power~~, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

43 Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

**47-48** (Then Peter answered) "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received ~~the~~ Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?" And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

**Proverbs 20:9** Who can say, "I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin"?

**Leviticus 14:1-2** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. Now he shall be brought to the priest,

**3** and the priest shall go out to the outside of the camp.

**4** Then the priest shall give orders to take two live clean birds and cedar wood and a scarlet string and hyssop for the one who is to be cleansed.

**John 19:29** A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth.

**5** The priest shall also give orders to slay the one bird in an earthenware vessel over ~~running~~ **living** water.

**6** As for the live bird, he shall take it together with the cedar wood and the scarlet string and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was slain over the running water.

**7** He shall then sprinkle seven times the one who is to be cleansed from the leprosy and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the live bird go free over the open field.

**Psalms 51:2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**7** Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**1 Corinthians 6:11** You were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

**Titus 3:5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by ~~the~~ Holy Spirit